

(c) if so, the reasons therefor :

(d) whether the Government propose to promote labour oriented technique in these industrial units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As on 31.3.1996 upto which period only information is available, 165 central industrial public sector undertakings had a total of 17.52 lakhs employees. The PSU-wise number of employees have been indicated in Statement No. 28 of Public Enterprises Survey for 1995-96 laid on the Table of the House on 5.5.97.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The reasons for decline in number of employees in PSUs can generally be attributed to superannuation, VRS and other mode of separation, etc.

(d) and (e) Promotion of labour oriented technique is an enterprise specific process and guided by broader policies and objectives of the respective PSUs, besides other conditions like the economic viability and feasibility, the types and categories of industries they are operating in and the availability of skilled labour force in respective fields.

[Translation]

Power Plants

6608. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal based power plants in Maharashtra, plant-wise;

(b) whether coal supply to those plants is delayed due to which power generation is affected; and

(c) if so, the steps to be taken by the Government to ensure direct and early supply of coal to those plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Nine coal based thermal power stations are now in operation in the State of Maharashtra. They are—

1. Chandrapur TPS
2. Paras TPS
3. Khaperkheda TPS
4. Nasik TPS
5. Koradih TPS

6. Bhusawal TPS

7. Trombay TPS

8. Dahanu TPS

9. Parli TPS

(b) No, Sir. Coal supplies to the power stations of Maharashtra are made as per the linkages sanctioned by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term) within the overall constraints of availability of coal, transportation, unloading facilities of the power stations and timely payment for coal supplies.

(c) Highest priority is accorded for movement of coal to thermal power stations in the country including those in the Maharashtra State. Coal supplies to the power houses are monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Group and remedial measures are taken to increase the supply of coal, wherever found necessary.

[English]

NIFT Branch

6609. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA :
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for setting up of branch of NIFT;

(b) the details of new branches of NIFT proposed to be opened during 1997-98, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has made any request to the Union Government to set-up a branch of National Institute of Fashion Technology in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The criteria adopted for setting up a NIFT branch is the potential of employment at the professional level in the ready-made garment industry and the textile industry at the relevant centre.

(b) During 1997-98, it has been decided to start a new branch of NIFT at Bangalore.

(c) and (d) The Government of Kerala has requested for the establishment of a branch of the NIFT at Thiruvananthapuram.